UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

No: 1:23-cv-00108-LMB-JFA

GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

GOOGLE LLC'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT REGARDING JOINT PROPOSAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF EQUITABLE REMEDIES

Defendant Google LLC ("Google") respectfully moves for leave pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(F)(1) to file a Supplemental Statement Regarding Joint Proposal for the Adjudication of Equitable Remedies to explain its position on divestiture and views on the length and amount of discovery ultimately required for the remedies phase.¹

On April 17, 2025, the Court ordered the parties to submit "a joint proposed schedule for briefing and arguing their positions as to the remedies that should be imposed." Dkt. 1411. On April 24, 2025, the parties submitted a Joint Proposal Regarding the Adjudication of Equitable Remedies ("Joint Proposal"), which proposed additional periods of fact and expert discovery pertaining to equitable remedies. Dkt. 1416. The following day, April 25, 2025, the Court stated it was "concerned about the length of time that the parties are requesting" and ordered the parties to appear for a hearing on May 2, 2025. Dkt. 1417.

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¹ Counsel for Plaintiffs and Google have met and conferred regarding this motion. Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion. Google notes that Plaintiffs have separately filed a motion for leave to file their own supplemental statement. Dkt. 1419.

In advance of the May 2 hearing, Google requests leave to file a supplemental statement explaining why divestiture is unavailable as a remedy and why discovery can proceed in a more streamlined and expedited fashion absent the possibility of such a remedy. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(F)(1), parties must seek leave of court before filing further briefing. The Court has discretion to grant or deny leave to file further briefing or submissions. *See, e.g., Myers* v. *Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC*, 2024 WL 3835076, at *6-7 (E.D. Va. Aug. 15, 2024); *Carefirst of Md., Inc.* v. *First Care, P.C.*, 422 F. Supp. 2d 592, 595 (E.D. Va. 2006) (granting leave to file "supplemental submission" in support of filing).

Here, the Court should exercise its discretion and grant Google's motion for leave to file this supplemental statement. When Google submitted the Joint Proposal, it did not include its position on the availability of divestiture as an equitable remedy. Google instead agreed to the Joint Proposal based on the understanding that if divestiture remained as a possibility, the proposed schedule would be necessary to ensure Google could develop a sufficient record about the appropriateness of such a significant remedy. Now that the Court has expressed concern over the length of the parties' proposed schedule, Google requests leave to file a supplemental statement to explain why the parties can, and should, engage in a more streamlined discovery and briefing schedule focused on behavioral remedies.

Google's proposed Supplemental Statement is attached hereto.

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